

Developing in Seattle?

The Value of Collaboration with Neighborhoods

Working with the Neighborhoods

The City encourages you to get to know the neighborhood plans in areas where you are developing buildings. You are also invited to work with neighborhood planning groups and City agencies to address the goals of neighborhood plans in a collaborative manner. This can help you gain valuable insight and potential community support for your development.

Citizens in 38 Seattle neighborhoods developed neighborhood plans. The plans can help you understand how your proposed project can be compatible with community goals. The plans set forth each community's vision and goals for the future.

For information about the neighborhood plans and implementation efforts that are currently underway, contact the appropriate Neighborhood Development Manager District Coordinator at the Department of Neighborhoods (see map on reverse). Developers are encouraged to review the plans for areas in which they contemplate projects. The plans are on file at the Seattle Public Library and are posted online at www.seattle.gov/neighborhoods.

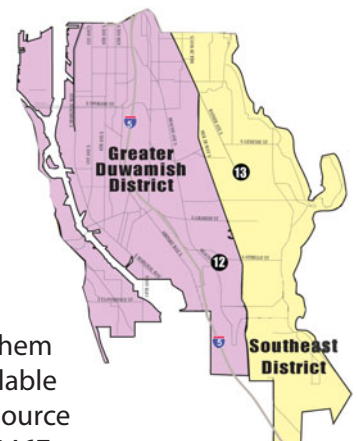
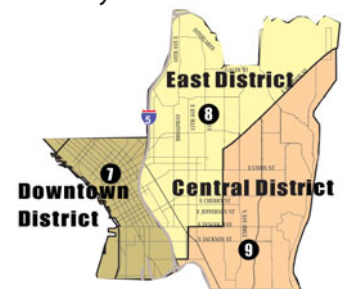
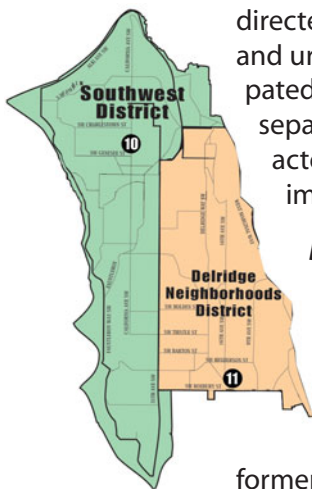
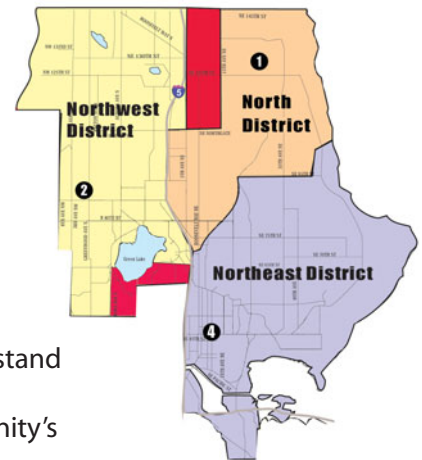
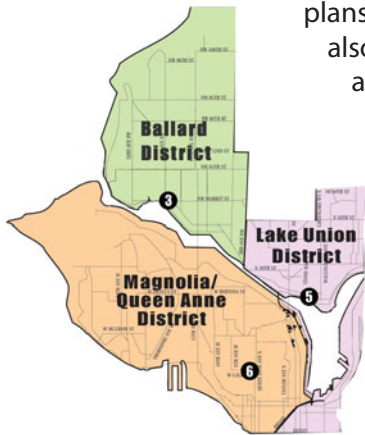
Background on Neighborhood Planning

The City of Seattle adopted a Comprehensive Plan in 1994, as required by the State Growth Management Act. The plan identified strategies for the City to accommodate expected growth over a 20-year period. It directed most of the expected growth into designated urban centers and urban villages. About 20,000 residents and business owners participated in a neighborhood planning process that resulted in a total of 38 separate neighborhood plans. These plans have been reviewed and acted upon by the City Council. The City is now facilitating the implementation of these neighborhood plans throughout Seattle.

Design Guidelines and the Neighborhoods

Over 20 of Seattle's new neighborhood plans include recommendations that relate to creation of specific design guidelines or standards that will help preserve and enhance the neighborhood's structural and natural environment.

The Department of Planning and Development (DPD, formerly DCLU) has operated the citywide Design Review Program since 1994. Each neighborhood Design Review Board evaluates projects based upon citywide design guidelines. DPD will work with neighborhoods to develop and officially adopt neighborhood-specific design guidelines, which will augment those already in place citywide. The guidelines reflect each community's sense that their neighborhood has unique qualities that can be enhanced, and should be protected, by sensitive design of new commercial and multi-family buildings to help them "fit in" and contribute positively to each area. Design guidelines are available online at www.seattle.gov/dpd/publications, or from the DPD Public Resource Center, located on the 20th floor of Key Tower at 700 5th Ave, (206) 684-8467.



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